

NVSHS Newsletter

Week 10 Term 4



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Executive Team Report

Week 9 of Term 4 is always filled with wonderful moments and important milestones. We celebrated our Junior Secondary students at our annual Celebration Showcase, congratulated our Year 9 students at their Graduation, and welcomed our future learners during our primary transition days. It has been a week of celebration, connection, and exciting new beginnings.

We are thrilled to welcome a large incoming cohort of Year 7 students for 2026, with over 360 enrolments now confirmed. It was a pleasure to introduce our dedicated Year Level Team, who will support and guide our newest Narangba Valley learners as they begin their high school journey next year.



Deputy Principal
Tom Krosch



Year Level Leader
Caroline Wheeler



Year Level Leader
Tamarah Kerr

Our Year 9 Graduation was a wonderful celebration of achievement and growth. Ms Leishman, Year 9 Deputy Principal, and Mr Scott Gregory, Year 9 Year Level Leader, shared their pride in this cohort and their excitement to continue working with them as they transition into Senior School in 2026. This group has already demonstrated remarkable maturity, character, and commitment—and we look forward to supporting them as they step into their next chapter.

For our final newsletter of the year, I'd like to share an excerpt from my speech at our Junior Secondary Showcase, as it reflects my immense pride in our students, staff, school, and wider community.

Every Sunday at 5 pm—without fail—I send out our weekly staff communication, eNavy@aGlance, named for our shared commitment to empower Narangba Valley Youth. The first page is always a collage of the week's brightest moments, and each time I gather those images I'm reminded just how extraordinary our school truly is—full of opportunity, connection, and a community that shows its strength in countless ways.

On an evening like this, surrounded by the people who give those images life, it feels only right to begin with gratitude.

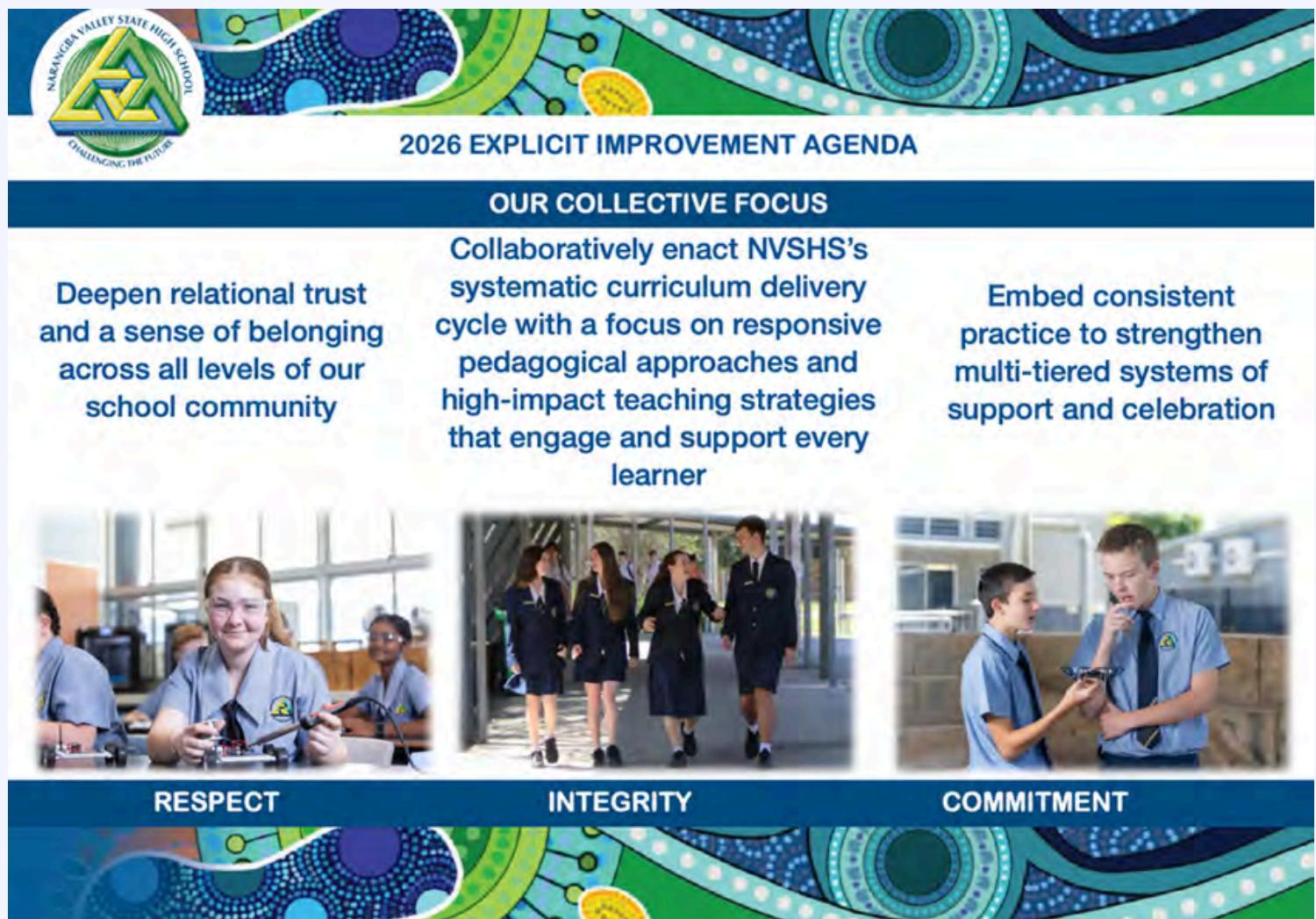
To our students, our staff, our families, and our wider community—you make Narangba Valley State High School exceptional, and my role an absolute privilege.



A special thank you to our Junior Secondary leaders who ran the Celebration Showcase with such professionalism. It was a pleasure to sit in the front row and watch you all absolutely in your element. The evening concluded with the announcement of our Junior Secondary leaders for 2026—a wonderful way to look ahead to the future.

2026 Explicit Improvement Agenda

During Term 4, we review our strategic direction, reflect on our achievements, and work collaboratively to develop the strategic plan for the year ahead. The School Improvement Tool emphasises the importance of a clear and purposeful Explicit Improvement Agenda (EIA) in driving school success. A well-communicated EIA ensures that everyone—leaders, staff, students, and families—understands our key priorities and works together toward common goals. I look forward to leading our school with a strong and collective focus next year.



The image shows the cover of the '2026 EXPLICIT IMPROVEMENT AGENDA' document. At the top left is the Narangba Valley State High School logo with the tagline 'CHALLENGING THE FUTURE'. The title '2026 EXPLICIT IMPROVEMENT AGENDA' is centered above a dark blue horizontal bar. Below this bar, the section 'OUR COLLECTIVE FOCUS' is displayed in white text. The document is divided into three main sections: 'Deepen relational trust and a sense of belonging across all levels of our school community', 'Collaboratively enact NVSHS's systematic curriculum delivery cycle with a focus on responsive pedagogical approaches and high-impact teaching strategies that engage and support every learner', and 'Embed consistent practice to strengthen multi-tiered systems of support and celebration'. Below each section is a photograph: students in a classroom, students in a hallway, and two students working together. At the bottom, the three school values 'RESPECT', 'INTEGRITY', and 'COMMITMENT' are listed in white text against a dark blue background.

2026 EXPLICIT IMPROVEMENT AGENDA

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RESPECT

INTEGRITY

COMMITMENT

I hope everyone has a wonderful and restful break. Thank you for your ongoing support throughout the year, and I look forward to all that 2026 will bring.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dates & times are correct at time of publication but subject to change.

Date	Event
Thursday 4 December – Thursday 18 December 2025	Spain International Study Tour
Tuesday 20 January 2026	School Front Office Opens
Monday 26 January	Public Holiday (Australia Day)
Tuesday 27 January	First Day of Term 1 Years 7, 11 and 12
Wednesday 28 January	First Day of Term 1 Years 8, 9 and 10
Wednesday 28 January	Year 11 and 12 VET Inductions
Friday 6 February	Swimming Carnival
Monday 9 February	School Photos – Main Day – All Year Levels
Friday 13 February	Senior Investiture and 2025 Awards – Period 3
Sunday 15 February	Kokoda Challenge Practice Walk, Beerburum
Monday 16 February	School Photos – Catch Up Day
Tuesday 24 February	Year 9 Humanities Undumbi Culture Group presentation in PALACE P1 and P3.
Tuesday 24 February	Year 8 Science Undumbi Culture Group presentation in PALACE P2 and P5.
Thursday 26 February	Year 7 & 8 Gala Day
Monday 2 March – Wednesday 4 March	Year 7 Camp 1
Wednesday 4 March - Friday 6 March	Year 7 Camp 2
Thursday 5 March	Year 9 Gala Day



P&C News

NVSHS UNIFORM SHOP

BACK-TO-SCHOOL
2026
HOURS



BOOKINGS FOR FITTINGS DURING
BACK-TO-SCHOOL WEEKS IN
JANUARY 2026 ARE ESSENTIAL

Walk-ins welcome for order collection
or pick-up if sizes are known.



OPENING HOURS

- Thursday 15th January 2026 – Saturday 17th January 2026 8:00am – 1:00pm
- Monday 19th January 2026 – Saturday 24th January 2026 8:00am – 4:00pm

Year 6 into 7 Transition Days



In Week 9, we were delighted to welcome our incoming Year 7 students for two Transition Days held on Monday 2 December and Thursday 4 December. These days were designed to help students feel confident, connected, and prepared for the exciting journey into high school and what an incredible two days it was!

Throughout the program, students were introduced to their new House groups, met new classmates, and began forming the relationships that will support them as they enter Year 7 in 2026. They also participated in a wide range of engaging learning experiences, providing a snapshot of the vibrant programs on offer at our school.

During the Transition Days, students enjoyed:

- Science practicals, exploring hands-on experiments
- Spanish and Japanese activities, celebrating global cultures
- Technologies workshops, including Industrial Technology and Design
- Creative tasks within our Life Technologies program
- Electronic games, adding an element of fun and friendly competition
- Performing Arts sessions, featuring music, drama, and movement

Students were also treated to a sausage sizzle, offering a welcome break between activities and an opportunity to socialise.

Our staff were incredibly impressed by the enthusiasm, respect, and positive attitude shown by all students. It was wonderful to see them engaging so confidently with each activity and with each other.

We look forward to welcoming our newest Year 7 cohort in 2026 and are excited to see all they will achieve as they begin their high school journey.



Year 9 Graduation

Celebrating Growth, Resilience and the Journey Ahead

On 4 December, Narangba Valley SHS proudly celebrated the Year 9 Graduation, recognising the remarkable achievements of our cohort of 340 students.

With over 300 parents and caregivers in attendance, the event was a warm and meaningful tribute to the hard work, resilience, and growth shown by students throughout their junior secondary years.

The ceremony was elevated by excellent musical performances from our talented NVSHS musicians, whose professionalism and artistry added a special sense of occasion. Their contributions created an atmosphere of celebration and pride, showcasing the depth of talent within our school community.

Our student leaders also played an important role, with the MC team guiding the ceremony with confidence and maturity. A highlight of the afternoon was the student video and the heartfelt and thoughtful speeches delivered by our Junior School Captains Angus and Charlotte, who reflected on the cohort's journey, shared words of gratitude, and inspired their peers as they prepare for senior schooling.

This milestone marks more than the end of Year 9, it reflects the development of independence, confidence, and character as students navigated new challenges, formed lasting friendships, and discovered their strengths.

Their commitment throughout the year has laid strong foundations for success as they transition into the senior phase of learning.

The event also acknowledged the vital support of teachers, mentors, and families who have guided students across their junior years.

As the Year 9 cohort steps confidently into Year 10, they carry with them the lessons learned, the relationships built, and a growing belief in what they can achieve. We congratulate all students and look forward to seeing them continue to thrive.



Junior Celebration Showcase 2025

Celebrating Excellence Across Our Junior School

This year's Junior Celebration Showcase was a wonderful evening of recognition, pride and celebration as we acknowledged the outstanding achievements of our Year 7, 8 and 9 students across academics, the arts, service and field of excellence and school culture.

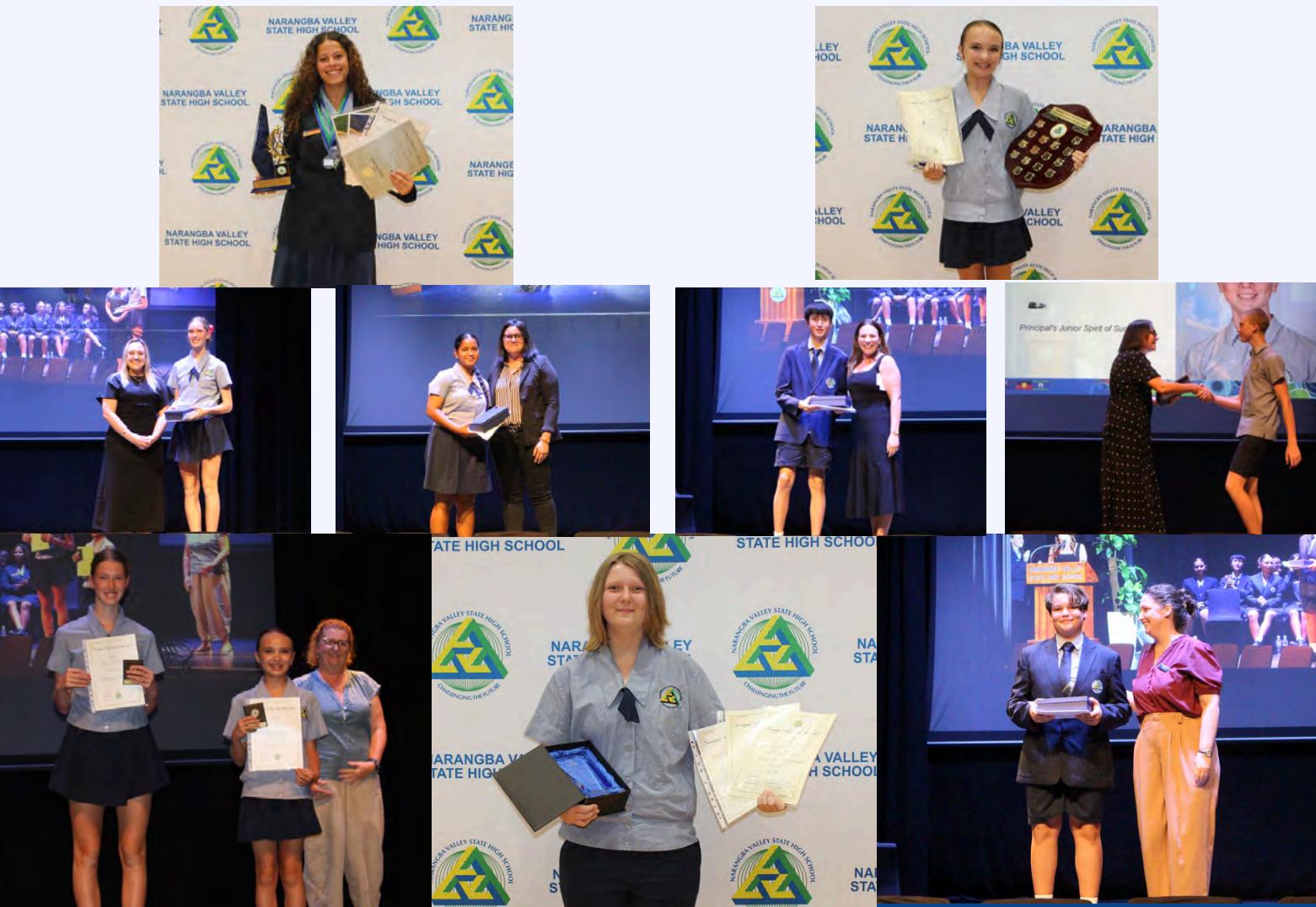
Our Academic Gold and Silver Awards highlighted the dedication of our junior learners, with impressive numbers across each year level.

Year 7 students received 27 Gold and 30 Silver Awards, Year 8 students earned 14 Gold and 21 Silver, and Year 9 students achieved 39 Gold and 31 Silver Awards.

Subject Awards were also presented to students demonstrating excellence within specific learning areas, with 22 recipients in Year 7, 22 in Year 8 and 28 in Year 9.

A special congratulations goes to our major award recipients:

- RIC Awards: Alesta Mattern (Yr 7), Sage Turner (Yr 8), and Bailey Wardlaw (Yr 9)
- Moreton Bay Regional Council Junior All Rounder Award: Angus (Yr 9)
- Deputy Principal Commendations: Alesta Mattern (Yr 7), Montana (Yr 8), and Declan Chambers (Yr 9)
- Principal's Junior Spirit of Success: Zander Cerff (Yr 9)
- Junior Outstanding Contribution to the Arts: Bailey Wardlaw (Yr 9)
- Junior DUX Recipients: Abigail Eustace (Yr 7), Sofie Seeds (Yr 8), and Piper Jamison (Yr 9)
- Junior Viper of the Year: Kischanda French (Yr 9)
- Junior Sports Awards: Jessica Heap Yr 9 (Sports Person of the Year), Stella Olsson Yr 8 (Contribution to Sport Award)



Junior Celebration Showcase 2025

2026 Junior Leaders

We also proudly introduced our 2026 Junior Leaders, including School Captains, SRC representatives, House Captains, and Arts Leaders. These students will help shape the culture, spirit and success of the junior school in the coming year.

Congratulations to:

Junior School Captains - Franco Panuntan and Maddison McLean

Junior SRC Members - Sofie Seeds, Sky, Natalia, Flynn Wagner



Junior House Captains:

- Arinya – Sage Turner & Molly Fitzpatrick
- Bidara – Isabella & Dakoda-Jade
- Garawi – Zeke McConnell & Sana Phogat
- Kirrawa – Adara & Amelie
- Maloo – Chelsy Sharam & Sienna
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Junior Arts Leaders:

- Music Captains – Arne Lemmer & Flynn Wagner
- Dance Captains – Mia & Emiliya

Junior School Captain
Franco

Junior School Captain
Maddison

Our Junior Celebration Showcase was a fitting way to reflect on the hard work, resilience and spirit of our students. We congratulate all award recipients and look forward to seeing our new junior leaders inspire and uplift their peers in 2026.

JUNIOR LEADERS 2026



Franco
Junior School Captain

Maddison
Junior School Captain



Flynn
Junior SRC Member



Natalia
Junior SRC Member



Sky
Junior SRC Member



Sofie
Junior SRC Member



Arne
Junior Music Captain



Flynn
Junior Music Captain



Mia
Junior Dance Captain



Emiliya
Junior Dance Captain



Sage
Junior House Captain



Molly
Junior House Captain



Isabella
Junior House Captain



Dakoda-Jade
Junior House Captain



Zeke
Junior House Captain



Sana
Junior House Captain



Adara
Junior House Captain



Amelie
Junior House Captain



Chelsy
Junior House Captain



Sienna
Junior House Captain

Junior Celebration Showcase 2025

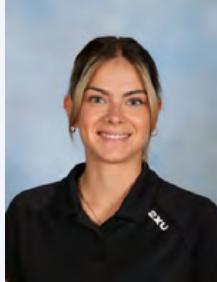
Introducing Our New 2026 House Leaders and House Culture Wrap Up

We are excited to announce our House Leadership Team for 2026, a passionate and dynamic team dedicated to strengthening House culture and continuing the incredible momentum built this year.

Joining our House Leaders are Keely Rubesaame (Garawi) and Shanelle Helmke (Kirrawa), who will step into their roles with enthusiasm and a commitment to fostering belonging, spirit and connection across their Houses. They join our returning leaders — Hayley Ash (Bidara), Rosie McGauley (Arinya) and Caitlin King (Maloo) — whose experience and continued dedication will help drive another successful year of House Culture and pride at Narangba Valley State High School.

This year has seen remarkable growth in House culture, with increased student participation in House Activities, a rise in student-led initiatives, and a strong sense of identity and camaraderie across the school community. We proudly celebrated Garawi securing both the Junior and Senior House Spirit Cups, a testament to their outstanding engagement and teamwork. Additionally, Ms Mickelborough once again chose to join Arinya, marking the second year in a row she has selected their House — a reflection of their exceptional performance and cohesion during the House Pitch event.

With this inspiring blend of new and returning House Leaders, we look forward to an exciting 2026 filled with even greater House spirit, student voice and community connection.



Keely
Rubesaame
(Garawi)



Shanelle
Helmke
(Kirrawa)



Hayley
Ash
(Bidara)



Rosie
McGauley
(Arinya)



Caitlin
King
(Maloo)





Our Arinya Student House Leaders for 2026



NARANGBA VALLEY STATE HIGH SCHOOL

Arinya



ELLA

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2
6



MIKAYLA



SAGE



MOLLY





Our Bidara Student House Leaders for 2026



NARANGBA VALLEY STATE HIGH SCHOOL

Bidara

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EMILY



HARRISON



ISABELLA



DAKODA-JADE





Our Garawi Student House Leaders for 2026

NARANGBA VALLEY STATE HIGH SCHOOL

Garawi

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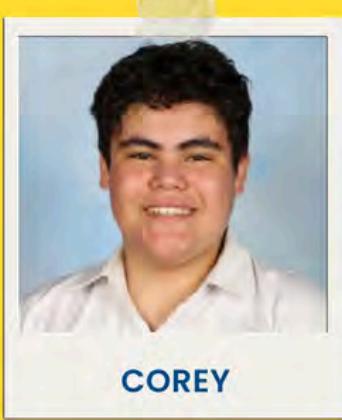
Our Kirrawa Student House Leaders for 2026

NARANGBA VALLEY STATE HIGH SCHOOL

Kirrawa



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Our Maloo Student House Leaders for 2026



NARANGBA VALLEY STATE HIGH SCHOOL

Maloo



ANAHERA

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LAURYN



CHELSY



SIENNA



UPCOMING SRC EVENTS 2026

VALENTINES DAY

NEXT YEAR WE WILL BE SELLING ROSES AND OTHER GOODIES ON THE 14TH OF FEBUARY TO CELEBRATE VALENTINES DAY. KEEP YOUR EYE OUT FOR FURTHER UPDATES

Leukaemia
Foundation

World's
Greatest
Shave

ISSUE 2

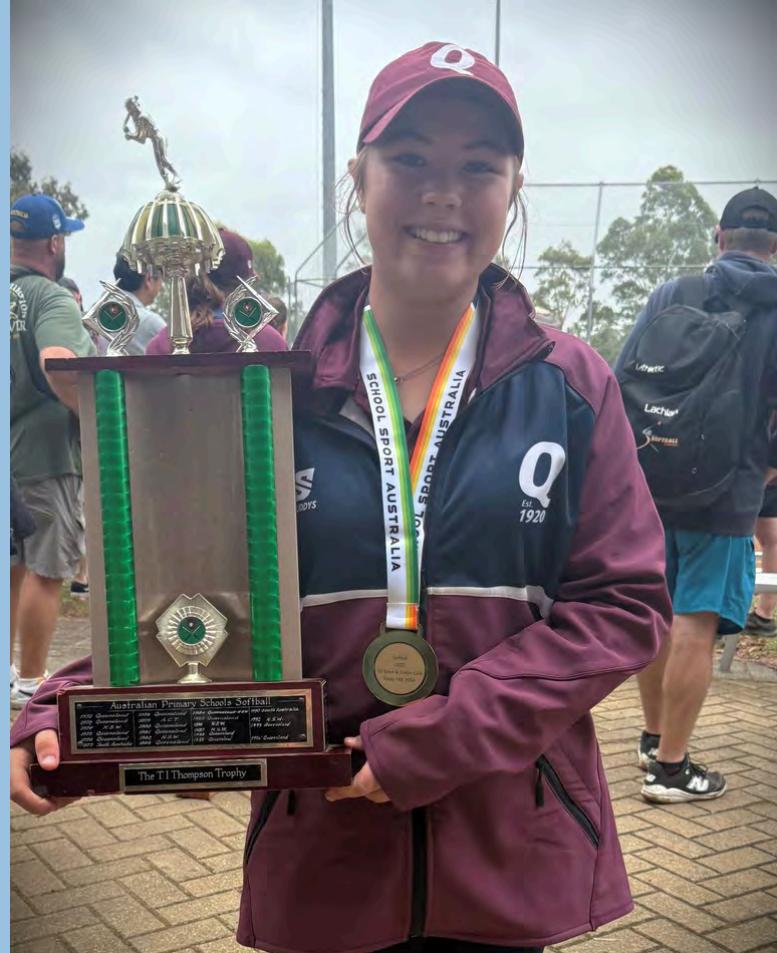


WORLDS GREATEST SHAVE

SRC IS GOING BALD FOR A CAUSE!!! GRAB A SNAG, HAVE A LAUGH, AND WATCH YOUR MATES LOSE THEIR LUSCIOUS LOCKS. THINK YOU'RE BRAVE ENOUGH? SIGN UP TO SHAVE IT ALL OFF:
[HTTPS://WWW.WORLDSGREATESTSHAVE.COM/REGISTER/2026](https://www.worldsgreatestshave.com/register/2026)

KEEP YOUR EYE OUT FOR FURTHER NOTICES!

Good News Story



Recently our very own NVSHS student Michaela (Year 7) proudly represented Queensland at the School Softball Championships, hosted by NSW at the Blacktown International Sportspark from November 17th to 21st.

Across four huge days of competition, the QLD team played eight games against some of the strongest teams in the country, including NSW, South Australia, Victoria, and the ACT.

Michaela and her amazing teammates put on an outstanding performance, winning seven out of their eight games and finishing as joint gold medal champions alongside NSW, who also secured seven wins.

We are absolutely thrilled for Michaela — her dedication, talent, and team spirit continue to shine on the state and national stage.

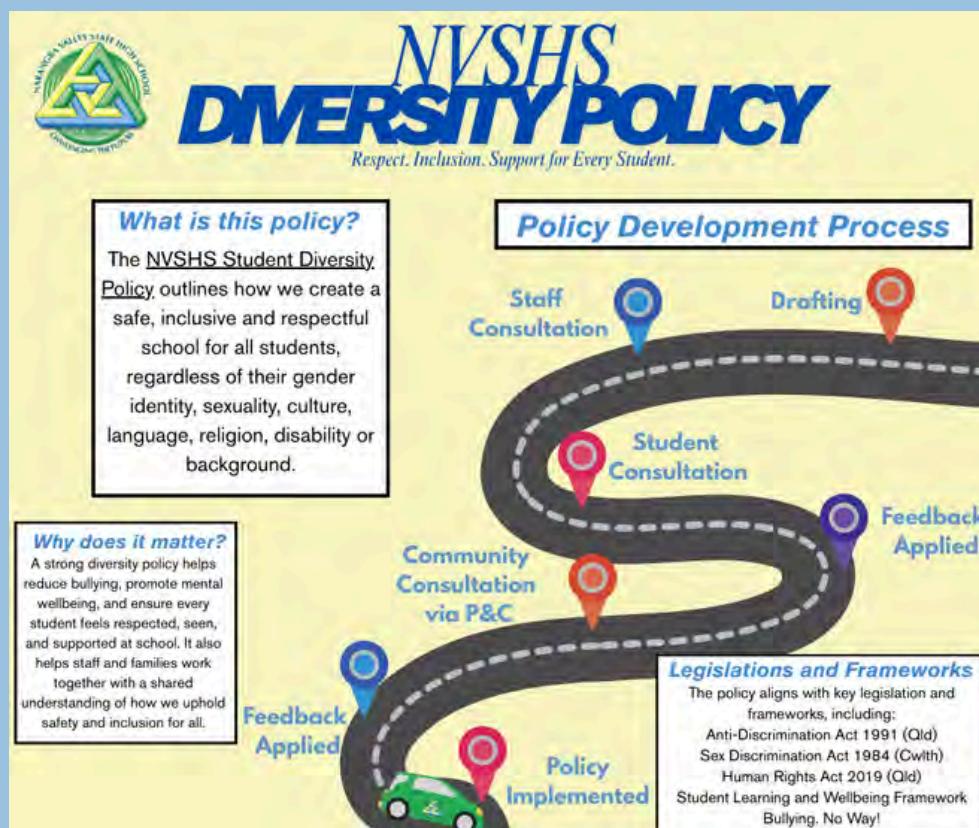
Well done, Michaela! Your NVSHS family is so proud and cheering you on every step of the way!

Student Diversity Policy

NVSHS LAUNCHES STUDENT DIVERSITY POLICY

At Narangba Valley State High School, we are committed to ensuring that every student feels safe, respected, and supported. Our school community is made up of diverse individuals, with different cultures, identities, backgrounds, beliefs, and experiences, and we believe that this diversity is something to celebrate.

To support this, we are proud to share our updated Student Diversity Policy, which outlines how we create an inclusive and welcoming environment for all students, regardless of their gender identity, sexuality, cultural background, language, religion, health, ability, or family circumstances.



You can view the full policy on our website under:
Our School - Rules and Policies

The policy was developed through meaningful consultation with students, staff, families, and our P&C Association, and reflects the shared values of our community.

It aligns with key legislation and frameworks, including:

- Anti-Discrimination Act 1991 (Qld)
- Sex Discrimination Act 1984 (Cwlth)
- Human Rights Act 2019 (Qld)
- Student Learning and Wellbeing Framework
- Bullying. No Way! Framework

Swimming Carnival

2026 NVSHS SWIMMING CARNIVAL

AUSSIE Outback

DRENCH-A-TEACHER

SWIM LAPS TO EARN HOUSE POINTS!

NOVELTY SWIM RACES

GIANT SLIP N SLIDE

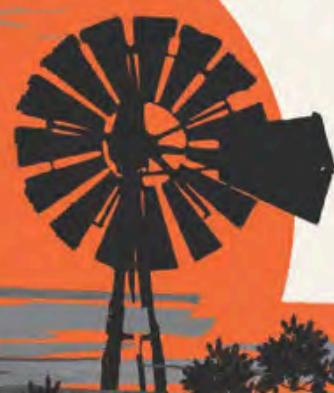
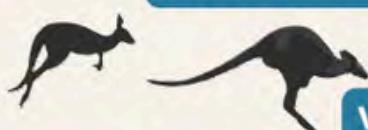
SRC BBQ

PBL POP-UP SHOP

FRIDAY 6TH FEB

8:30AM - 2:30PM

LAWNTON POOL



VOLLEYBALL/TOUCH FOOTY

Looking after yourself and your family over the holidays

As we move into the holiday period, it's important to pause and check in with yourself and the people around you. The end of the year can be a great time to rest and reconnect, but it can also bring stress, changes in routine, and big emotions for young people and families.

A few small steps can make a difference.

Look after the basics

- Keep some predictable routines where possible.
- Plan regular downtime for yourself and your family.
- Aim for plenty of sleep, movement, and outdoor time.
- Stay connected with friends, relatives, and supportive adults.

Check in with your young person

Sometimes students find holidays difficult because school provides structure, social contact, and support. If you notice changes in mood, behaviour, or motivation, check in with them and encourage open conversations about how they're feeling.

Create safe spaces

Let your child know they can come to you if things feel overwhelming. Keeping communication calm and non-judgemental helps them feel supported and more likely to reach out.

If you or your young person need support over the break, there are local services available throughout the holidays:

- Headspace Redcliffe & Headspace Caboolture
- Free mental health support for young people aged 12 to 25.
- www.headspace.org.au
- Child and Youth Mental Health Service (CYMHS)
- For acute or ongoing concerns about a young person's mental health. Referral usually via GP.
- Emergency and after-hours supports
- Lifeline 13 11 14
- Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800
- 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84)
- Parentline: 1300 30 1300
- 000 in an emergency

Mental Health Services and Support

Beyond Blue

24/7 mental health support service

1300 22 4636
beyondblue.org.au

headspace

Online support and counselling to young people aged 12 to 25

1800 650 890
(3pm to 10pm daily)
headspace.org.au

Kids Helpline

24/7 crisis support and suicide prevention services for children and young people aged 5 to 25

1800 55 1800
kidhelpline.com.au

Lifeline

24/7 crisis support and suicide prevention services

13 11 14
lifeline.org.au

Suicide Call Back

24/7 crisis support and counselling service for people affected by suicide

1300 659 467
suicidecallbackservice.org.au

13YARN

24/7 crisis support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people

13 92 76
13yarn.org.au

Mensline

24/7 counselling service for men

1300 78 99 78
mensline.org.au

1800 RESPECT

24/7 support for people impacted by sexual assault, domestic violence and abuse

1800 737 732
1800respect.org.au

QLife

LGBTIQ+ peer support and referral

1800 184 527
qlife.org.au

If you are concerned about someone at risk of immediate harm, call 000 or go to your nearest hospital emergency department.

Upcoming Opportunity

HOMESTAY FAMILIES NEEDED FOR KOREAN STUDENTS

We are excited to welcome a group of students from Korea in Term 1, 2026 (8 Feb – 21 Feb).



We are still looking for several host families for the Korean boys who will be visiting.



If you are interested in hosting, please complete the form using the link attached.



Community News

Social media age restrictions

Information and resources at
[eSafety.gov.au](https://www.esafety.gov.au)



NEW SOCIAL MEDIA RESTRICTIONS NOW IN EFFECT

As of 10 December, new Australian laws require that children under the age of 16 cannot create or maintain social media accounts. This change is not intended as a punishment, but rather as a measure to give young people more time to develop safe and healthy digital habits, improve online safety, and reduce exposure to online harm.

We will continue to use Facebook and Instagram to share school news and updates as usual.

The eSafety Commissioner encourages parents and carers to have early and ongoing conversations with their children about these changes, and to explore safe alternative ways to stay connected.

For the most up-to-date information, visit the eSafety Commissioner's Social Media Age Restrictions Hub:

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/about-us/industry-regulation/social-media-age-restrictions-hub>

The Department of Education provides a wide range of resources to support safe online behaviour. The Cybersafety Hub includes tools and information covering online reputation, privacy, cyberbullying, and digital wellbeing, alongside helpful resources for teachers, students, and families. These resources are available at

<https://www.qld.gov.au/education/schools/health/cybersafety/cybersafety-qss>.